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Office Action Summary

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| Application No. | 10/606,277 | Applicant(s) | GREENIDGE ET AL. |
| Examiner | Hung v Duong | Art Unit | 2835 |

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 16-20, 22-23 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-7, 9, 11, 13-14, 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 8, 10, 12, 15 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

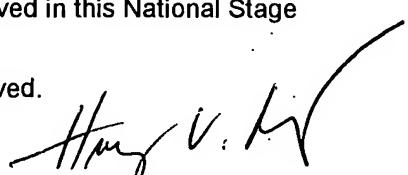
Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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PRIMARY EXAMINER

- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-7, 9, 11, and 13 -14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bang (US Pat. 6,618,214) in view of Nicholas (US Pat. 6,002,374).

Regarding claims 1-7, 9, 11, and 13 -14 Bang discloses an apparatus mountable to a surface and for holding an electronic device, comprising: a mount assembly 1 for holding the electronic device 10; and a base 14 including a lower portion 16 mountable to the surface 10 and an upper portion 22 attached to the mount, a gel portion 17, and a mat 30 to conform to the surface wherein the mount 1 has integral power/data connections wherein the extended support 23 are metal wherein the metal 23 is lead and is cast into the gel portion wherein the base includes an alloy armature wherein the base 14 includes a central anchor post wherein the mat is made of rubber wherein the base is washable wherein the weights are insert molded into the base.

Bang fails to disclose the base includes weights. However Nicholas discloses the base includes weights (see Nicholas 'column 7, line 47). Therefore, it would be obvious

to one of ordinary skill to substitute a base includes weight of Nicholas into Bang's base in order to secure attached to a bottom surface of the base.

3. Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bang (US Pat. 6,618,214) in view of Nicholas (US Pat. 6,002,374) and further in view of Adjeleian (US Pat. 6,596,374).

4. Regarding claim 21, Bang and Nicholas disclose all the subject matter of the claimed invention except for the surface is curved dashboard of a vehicle. However Adjeleian discloses the surface is curved dashboard of a vehicle (see Adjeleian 's column 4, line 35). Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill to modify the surface is curved dashboard of a vehicle of Adjeleian into Bang and Nicholas's surface in order to form and retain a vacuum with the surface.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 8, 10, 15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art fails to disclose the base has three toes, each of which has a weight or that the mount assembly includes a pivotable hinge connected to the base.

6. Claims 16-20, 22-23 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art fails to disclose a mount assembly is pivotable.

Response to Amendment

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

McCracken (US Pat. 5,816,554) teaches equipment support base.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung v Duong whose telephone number is 571-272-2041. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:30 to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynn Field can be reached on 571-272-2092. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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